(b) if so, what is the nature of talks held with him, and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) During his recent visit to India in November, 1987, the World Bank President had expressed his appreciation of India's approaches and achievements in the field of development and poverty alleviation. His discussions also covered various international economic issues, the role and operations of the World Bank, as also its lending programme to India. The World Bank group has approved a drought assistance package for India inclusive of a US $ 350 million loan.

Relinquishing of S.T.C. Chairmanship by Shri Sudhir Mulji

*344. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the S.T.C. Chairman, Shri Sudhir Mulji has recently relinquished the post due to certain problems with the private intrepreneurs; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Shri Sudhir Mulji resigned from the post of Chairman, STC for personal reasons His resignation was accepted by Government with effect from 8th October, 1987.

Commissions of inquiry

*345. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of expenditure incurred on each Commission of Inquiry appointed by Government and what public purpose was served by each such Commission during the last three years and so far during the current year; and

(b) what are the names of the Commissions whose reports have not been made public in public interest and whether they will be made public at a later date; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The information regarding the Commissions of Inquiry set up under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 by the Ministry of Home Affairs is given in the statement which is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 106]

The requisite information in respect of other Ministries is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export of tea

*346 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the tea producing states in the country; and

(b) what is the total amount of foreign exchange earned by Government through tea exports during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIHDHA): (a) The tea producing States in India are, West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Karnataka. In addition to these States plantation of tea has also been taken up in Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Orissa.